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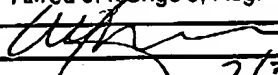
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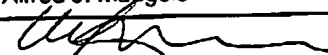
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ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003 (Paper No. 10), in which the examiner imposed an election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species identified in the Office Action as "Species 3, Figure 3." The claims believed to be readable on the provisionally elected species are claims 1, 83 through 114, 116, 117, 119, 120, 127 through 130, 132 through 136, 138 through 141, 143, and 145 through 153.

It is believed that because, as the examiner has acknowledged, claim 1 is generic to each of the species, all the claims should be considered together and in a single application.

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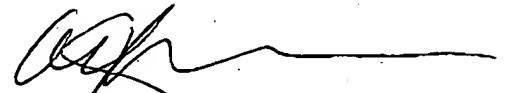
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Based upon the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be reconsidered and that it be withdrawn, and that examination proceed on the merits for all of the claims in this application.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this Election of Species raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that examination on the merits in the present application can proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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